

configured from a suitable flexible material such as neoprene, and the structural element can be fabricated from a material such as woven elastic.

Page 7, first full paragraph, replace with the following new paragraph:

In FIG. 1, the strap assembly 18 is attached to the pouch 14 via snap hooks and triangle rings 38. It is contemplated that the strap 18 can be secured by any suitable mechanism. For example, FIG. 3 shows a strap 40 secured to a pouch 42 via quick disconnect buckles 44, and FIG. 5 shows a strap 46 sewn directly to a pouch 48.

Claims:

Amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A tank assembly according to claim 1, wherein at least one strap comprises a multi-element strap.

Amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A tank assembly according to claim 2, wherein the strap further comprises the following:

a flexible section;

a first structural section having a first end secured to the tank pouch and a second end secured to the flexible section; and

a second structural section having a first end secured to the tank pouch and a second end secured to the flexible section;

whereby the structural sections are fabricated from a material that has less or no elasticity in comparison to the material from which the flexible section is made.

Amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) A medical fluid assembly according to claim 9, wherein the strap further comprises the following:

a flexible section;

a first structural section having a first end secured to the source-holding assembly and a second end secured to the flexible section; and

a second structural section having a first end secured to the source-holding assembly and a second end secured to the flexible section;

whereby the structural sections are fabricated from a material that has less or no elasticity in comparison to the material from which the flexible section is made.

Amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 16, wherein the step of providing a strap further comprises the following:

providing a flexible section;

securing a first end of a first structural section to the tank-holding assembly;

securing a second end of a first structural section to the flexible section;

securing a first end of a second structural section to the tank-holding assembly;

and

securing a second end of the second structural section to the flexible section;

whereby the structural sections are fabricated from a material that has less or no elasticity than the material from which the flexible section is made.

Cancel claim 20 and replace it with the following claims 20 and 21:

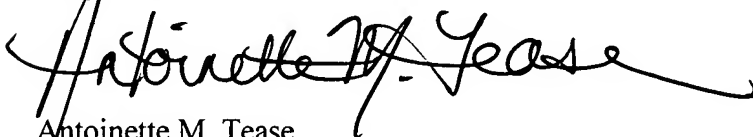
20. (New) A method according to claim 19, wherein the flexible element is fabricated from neoprene.

21. (New) A method according to claim 15, further comprising providing the tank-holding assembly as a pouch fabricated from neoprene.

REMARKS

The purpose of this preliminary amendment is to correct a number of typographical errors and minor oversights in the initial application, which was prepared by previous patent counsel. Pursuant to Rule 121, a marked-up version of the amended specification paragraphs and claims is attached hereto.

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